

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Tentative General Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits
for

DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS;

**LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES OF TREATED/UNTREATED GROUNDWATER
FROM CLEANUP SITES, SUPERCHLORINATION PROJECTS, AND OTHER
LIMITED THREAT WASTEWATERS TO SURFACE WATER; AND**

**DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATERS OF GROUNDWATER FROM CLEANUP OF
PETROLEUM FUEL POLLUTION;**

There are many discharges of wastewater having well-defined characteristics and for which treatment technologies are well-established to eliminate constituents that pose a threat to water quality. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is proposing to adopt a general NPDES permit for limited threat discharges of treated/untreated groundwater from cleanup sites, superchlorination projects, and other limited threat wastewaters to surface water.

Additionally, the presence of petroleum constituents in groundwater at various sites throughout the Central Valley Region poses a threat to existing and potential beneficial uses of the groundwater. Remediation at many of these sites includes groundwater treatment, with discharge of the treated groundwater. Discharges to surface waters of groundwater from cleanup of petroleum fuel pollution are currently covered by General Order No. 5-00-119, NPDES Permit No. CAG00915001. The Regional Water Board is considering re-issuance of the General Order, with a proposed update consistent with the requirements of the California Toxics Rule (CTR) and *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (State Implementation Policy or SIP).

Lastly, individuals, public agencies, private businesses, and other legal entities often need to discharge clean or relatively pollutant-free wastewater that poses little or no threat to water quality. These discharges are often short-term and low volume in nature. Dewatering and other low threat discharges to surface waters are currently covered by General Order No. 5-00-175, NPDES Permit No. CAG00995001. The Regional Water Board is considering re-issuance of the General Order, with a proposed update consistent with the requirements of the CTR and SIP.

A public hearing concerning the three above-listed tentative general NPDES permits will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 12/13 June 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Dischargers subject to the proposed General Orders

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **1 May 2008**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on these noticed hearing items shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than by 5:00 p.m. on **1 May 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **1 May 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on these General Orders should contact Ken Landau, (916)464-4726. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing

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The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed By

Ken Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

31 March 2008